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WEATHER YESTERDAY.

Local fair for February 25, 1901:
Highest temperature..... 37 degrees
Lowest temperature..... 15 degrees
Humidity..... 80 per cent.
S. W. wind..... 32 per cent.

PERSONAL.

Colonel L. A. Watron was in Washington today. He expects to arrive home today.

John J. Jany is ill at his home on Jefferson avenue, of complications following an attack of grip.

F. J. Fuller is confined to his home by reason of a fall on the ice, which resulted in an injury to his back.

Mrs. H. E. Wells, of the Cramer-Wells company, has returned from a visit of several days in New York city.

J. Barton Smith, of Money avenue, has returned from Staunton, where he has been visiting old school friends.

Attorney E. C. Newcomb left yesterday for a week's visit at Philadelphia, New York and Hartford, Conn. Mr. Newcomb will attend the sessions of the Supreme court at Philadelphia.

25 Oranges, 25c. Coursons's.

GAVE A GIFT SOCIAL.

interesting affair conducted last night by Hiawatha Council.

Hiawatha council, No. 26, Ladies' Auxiliary to the Improved Order of Red Men, conducted a most enjoyable "gift social" and entertainment at Malta hall, in the Gurnsey building, last night. The affair was conducted for the benefit of the council, and a novel feature was the presentation of every one in attendance with a souvenir memento.

An excellent programme was rendered, which included recitations, vocal and instrumental music, dances and a lively cake walk. The committee in charge of the social and entertainment was headed by Mrs. R. T. Eldrid.

Buy Swiss Cheese at Coursons's.

FOOT BALL CAREER ENDED.

Martin Langan Suffered the Loss of a Leg.

Martin Langan, of Clark's Summit, who was run over by a train of cars, on the Lackawanna at that place and so severely injured that amputation of the left leg below the knee was found necessary, was one of the best known foot ball players in this part of the state.

Langan's career as a foot ball player was begun about four years ago, when he played with the Crown Kings, an amateur team. His playing attracted much attention and Captain Weir, of the St. Thomas team, secured him to play as right guard for that team. Langan is a well-proportioned young man, of herculean strength, and made one of the cleverest players on the local gridiron.

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Wisconsin	1899	2.00	2.00
Wyoming	1899	2.00	2.00

THE TEACHERS ARE DERELICT

CONTROLLER EYNON SAYS MANY DON'T TEACH MUSIC.

Stated Last Night That the Board's Order Regarding Musical Instruction Is Being Persistently Ignored. Teachers Must Report in Future. Bell and Clock in No. 25 School Formally Presented to the Board by J. U. Hopewell—Communication from Kane, Pa.

School Controller A. B. Eynon, of the Fourth ward, caused some little surprise at last night's meeting of the board of control by asserting that the study of music in many of the schools was being deliberately neglected by the teachers.

"I find," said he, "that during the last two years, some \$6,087.78 of the taxpayers' money has been expended for the teaching of music to the children in the schools. Some of the teachers are not doing the work as they should and some teachers are not teaching music at all. Just who is to blame for this condition of affairs, I cannot say. There are many of the taxpayers of this city who do not believe in teaching the children music, but as long as we've appropriated funds for the purpose we should at least see that the teachers obey instructions."

He moved that the secretary be directed to notify the principals to furnish the controllers of the wards in which their schools are located a monthly report showing whether the teachers are teaching music as ordered by the board. The motion was unanimously adopted.

John U. Hopewell appeared before the board and formally presented to the district the bell and clock which have been placed in the tower of No. 25 school in North Scranton by the citizens of that part of the city. The bell weighs 1,200 pounds and cost \$200, while the clock cost \$50. Both were paid for by subscriptions ranging from ten cents to \$10, he said, and toward this amount the school board had not contributed one cent.

GIVEN A VOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. Hopewell presented to the secretary receipts for the bell and clock and the board tendered both him and the citizens of North Scranton a vote of thanks for the gift.

The teachers' committee reported against the charges preferred against Miss DeGraw, of No. 78 school, that an investigation had been conducted and that after giving the gentlemen preferring the charges every opportunity to sustain them, this had not been done, and it was recommended that the teachers' committee be authorized to further recommend that the secretary be directed to notify the various teachers that they are not in the future to call for their orders on any school day before the hour of 4 p. m. Both recommendations were adopted.

A communication from the school board of Kane, Pa., was read. That board requests the local board to pass a resolution requesting the legislature to appropriate funds for the maintenance of high schools as directed by a special act passed in 1895. The Kane board has done this and wants every school district in the state having a high school to do likewise.

This act has evidently been forgotten, at any rate very few of the local controllers know of its existence until their attention was called to it last night. It divides the school districts into four classes and fixes an appropriation for high school purposes for each class. Scranton is a first-class district and would receive a yearly appropriation of \$500 under the bill. The communication was referred to the committee on legislation.

WATER RENT TOO HIGH.

Mr. Evans, of the supply committee, reported that two bills of the Scranton Gas and Water company for No. 23 school for November and January were being held up because the committee couldn't understand why they were so high. One was for \$35 and the other for \$42. These amounts were twice as high as any other school in the city and four times as large as the bills for schools of the same size. A special committee, consisting of Messrs. May, Evans and Francis was appointed to solve the problem.

The night school teachers, janitors' and officers' pay rolls for the month of February were passed and the secretary instructed to draw orders for the several amounts. The board adjourned until tonight, when it will meet for general business and re-organization.

MRS. SULLIVAN ARRESTED.

She Is Charged with Keeping a Speakeasy.

Mrs. Charles Sullivan, of 182 1/2 Wilbur street, was arrested yesterday for keeping a speakeasy at her residence, the warrant having been issued by Mayor Mohr, upon information sworn out by one of his speakeasy detectives, who was in her place a few days ago, and who claims to have secured intoxicating liquors there.

Mrs. Sullivan was on hand in the afternoon when her case was called. On account of the absence of an important witness the mayor adjourned the hearing until Wednesday afternoon.

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Major Millar Appointed Acting Assistant Adjutant General—Orders Regarding Inaugural.

After twenty years of hard, efficient service in the National Guard, seven of which years were spent as instructor of high school cadets, Major W. S. Millar, adjutant of the Eighth ward, last night received an order from headquarters appointing him acting assistant adjutant general, which practically means that he has been promoted to that position.

In 1877 Major Millar first made his appearance in the National Guard and steadily made his progress to the front until in 1894, as reward for his devoted and untiring efforts in behalf of the guard, he was appointed instructor of the Third brigade. Now, on Feb. 25, after ten years of his appointment as acting assistant adjutant general, or really adjutant general. As inspector of the guard Major Millar's duties were by no means onerous, and on many occasions he has requested that his resignation be accepted, but Brigadier General J. P. Hobbs could not be prevailed upon to accept it, so highly does he regard this efficient officer.

The position to which Major Millar is appointed is to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Major W. S. Millar, chief of the staff, after holding that position for fifteen years. Major Millar's ranking as inspector is next to assistant adjutant general, and his succession that that office is a natural sequence.

Major Millar and his wife leave March 1 for Washington to attend the inaugural ceremonies and will make their quarters at the Ritz's House. The order received yesterday is dated from Lebanon, Pa., and is substantially as follows:

First—Commandary officers are employed in particular attention to the collection and forwarding of the men. Blanket bags, change of socks and underclothing are to be provided.

Second—Officers must have a comprehensive list of all names at places where the troops are gathered.

Third—It is expected and enjoined to preserve perfect discipline in the brigade and visit on route to Washington. Every officer and man must be perfectly obedient to the orders and regulations of these rules as they will be in no case be permitted.

Fourth—Headquarters will be established in Camp No. 288, Army and Navy buildings, from the morning of March 1, and each commanding officer is required to report there on arrival.

Fifth—Major W. S. Millar is detailed as acting assistant adjutant general and he will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By command of Brigadier General J. P. Hobbs.

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